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SUBJ: SIAD DISCUSSES IRREDENTISM AND YOUTH

1. IN LONG MAY 15 SPEECH COMMEMORATING 30 TH ANNIVERSARY OF
FOUNDING OF SOMALI YOUTH LEAGUE, COUNTRY' S FIRST POLITICAL

PARTY, SIAD MADE ONE BRIEF REFERENCE TO " SOMALI TERRITORIES
STILL UNDER COLONIAL OR FOREIGN RULE -- NO MATTER HOW LONG IT
TAKES OR WHATEVER THE COST OR HARDSHIP, WE WILL LIBERATE AND
UNITE SOMALIA." STATEMENT APPEARED IN SOMALI LANGUAGE DAILY
NEWSPAPER, BUT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN RADIO MOGADISCIO ENGLISH
SUMMARY OF SPEECH.

2. ELSEWHERE IN SPEECH, SIAD LAID HEAVY EMPHASIS ON ROLE OF
YOUTH WHO, HE SAID, MUST CONCENTRATE ON EDUCATION TO TAKE
MANTLE OF SOMALI LEADERSHIP. SIAD URGED YOUTH TO FOLLOW LOCAL
TRADITIONS AND PROMISED THAT AUTHORITY WOULD GRADUALLY BE
HANDED TO THEM. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE WHO HEARD SPEECH, HE
THEN INTERJECTED ANTI- WESTERN NOTE, STATING THAT NINETY PER
CENT OF SOMALI STUDENTS WHO HAD GONE FOR HIGHER STUDIES IN
WESTERN COUNTRIES HAD NOT RETURNED. SIAD SAID MANY OF THESE HAD
BECOME PAWNS OF " LONG- HAIRE, DECADENT" WESTERN CULTURE; OTHERS,
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HE CARGED, WERE BEING TRAINED AS MERCENARIES TO FIGHT IN AFRICA.
THIS PORTION OF SPEECH NOT REPORTED BY SOMALI MEDIA.

3. COMMENT:

A. LATEST SIAD STATEMENT ON SOMALI IRREDENTIST POLICY IS
LESS QUALIFIED THAN OTHER RECENT GSDR STATEMENTS. USUALLY
SOME MENTION IS MADE OF PEACEFUL MEANS TO REUNITE SOMALI
PEOPLES NOW UNDER ETHIOPIAN OR KENYAN RULE. SO FAR AS FTAI
CONCERNED, USUAL GSDR LINE IS THAT THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN RIGHT
OF SELF- DETERMINATION.

B. REFERENCE TO MERCENARY TRAINING MAY BE ECHO OF OLD EAST
GERMAN CHARGE THAT SOME SOMALI STUDENTS IN WEST GERMANY WERE
RECEIVING MILITARY TRAINING.

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